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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT MODIFICATION  
NO. 1 WITH ROBERT SPIERER FOR INDEPENDENT CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATION REVIEW SERVICES  
(3 VOTES, ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Contract Modification No. 1 with Robert Spierer for independent child abuse investigation review services for the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Department).

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

On May 8, 2007, your Board approved a contract with Robert Spierer for independent child abuse investigation review services. The current contract allows the Chief Probation Officer to terminate Mr. Spierer's services based on standard County terms and conditions; however, this is not in compliance with the June 30, 2005 Action Plan developed to address the Department of Justice (DOJ) audit recommendations. Paragraph 31 of the DOJ Action Plan requires that the independent child abuse investigation reviewer be independent of the Department's control. To comply with the DOJ requirement, the current contract is being modified to give the ability to terminate Mr. Spierer's services solely with your Board. Additionally, the proposed modification will also extend the initial contract term from one year with two one-year options to an initial term of two years and seven months with two one-year options. The revised contract term will be consistent with the term of the DOJ oversight.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action is consistent the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal No. 1: Service Excellence; Goal No. 3: Organizational Effectiveness; and Goal No. 5: Children and Families' Well-Being.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed modification will not have any financial impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has approved Contract Modification No.1 as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will enable the Department to fully comply with the Action Plan's mandate to have child abuse investigations reviewed by an independent party who is not an employee of the Department.

It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, forward a copy of the signed contract modification to: Mr. Robert J. Spierer, 23432 Thornewood Drive, Santa Clarita, CA 91321 and Ms. Yolanda Young, Probation Department, Contracts and Grants Management Division, 9150 East Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

c: Executive Officer/Board of Supervisors

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